(a) the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the development of eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any commission has been set up for the purpose;

(c) if so, whether the recommendations of the Commission have been implemented by the Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The devolution of assistance by the Union Government to the State Governments, including Uttar Pradesh, is through the mechanism of (i) transfer of resources under modified formula, (ii) special area programme such as Hill Areas Development programme, Tribal Sub Plan etc., and (iii) devolution of non-plan resources by the Finance Commission. The assistance is provided for the State as a whole and not for any part thereof except for assistance for the special area programmes, which is given for tackling specific problems identified on the basis of national importance. Assistance for the special area programmes, therefore, flow only to the States where the identified problems exist.

(b) to (d). In 1962, the Planning Commission and the Government of Uttar Pradesh appointed a Joint Study Team, under the Chairmanship of Mr. B.P. Patel, to report on the progress of socio-economic development of four Eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh and to suggest measures for improvement. The State has reported that most of the recommendations were implemented.

World Bank Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for Water Supply Projects

2555. SHRI SURAJ BHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank's assistance has been provided to Government of Madhya Pradesh for water supply projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Strategy for Public Sector

2556. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have worked out a 3 point strategy to improve the performance of public sector; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of sick public sector units at present state-wise; and

(c) the amount likely to be involved to rehabilitate these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The strategy to improve the performance of public sector has been announced in the Industrial Policy Statement of July, 1991.

(b) and (c). On the basis of performance of enterprises during 1990-91, there are 54 sick enterprises. State-wise list of these enterprises is given in the enclosed statement. The sick enterprises which are cov-